

Rockland Council on Aging
317 Plain St Rockland, Ma.
Secretaries Report
Wednesday June 10, 2015

With a quorum (at least 7) present Chairperson Beverly Ladner called the meeting to order at 9:45.

Roll Call: Lorraine Ahern, Eleanor Cole, Patti Penney, Lu Crowley, Peter Stonis, and alternate John Rogers. Excused: Audrey Ryan, Jean Callahan, Cynda Childs and Jack Conway. Absent: Chris Kelly

Old Colony Elder Services: Agnes Smith reported:

- There is a new secretary for OCES
- 2016 Budget for Services for the Elderly has passed the State Senate and is now in Conference. There is a 10 million dollar discrepancy in the proposed budget and what the committee is recommending. Of extreme importance to all towns is the differences in the “Grants to COAs” as well as Home Care Eligibility.

Old Colony Planning Council: Rita Howes reported:

- The Advisory Board had an “Awards Banquet” in Whitman.
- Transportation is always a major concern.

Rockland Planning Council is entitled to a delegate on the Boston Council. Rita is going to check who our delegate is and report to COA for further input.

Both Agnes Smith and Rita Howes are volunteers and do considerable traveling and research in their positions. Rockland is very lucky to have people willing to assume these delegate roles.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report: A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as read, seconded by Eleanor Cole and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Lorraine Ahern to accept the report as read, seconded by Lu Crowley - the vote was unanimous. Current balance: \$50,298.58.

Warrant Report: The Bill Warrant was duly signed by all members present.

Outreach Report: A motion was made by Lorraine Ahern and 2nd by Peter Stonis to accept the report as written and presented.

- First Anniversary Party was a tremendous success. Many local businesses donated food and deserts including Royal of Norwell who donated pasta, meatballs, salad and a beautiful cake.

- Outreach Program is still in need of Drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program
- There are 3 Blood Pressure Clinics at the Center every month as well as a Hearing Clinic on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- The Pen-Pal Program this year was a tremendous success for both the 4th graders at Memorial Park School as well as the senior's at the center. A get together was held on June 16th as well as a show n tell. A great time was had by all.

Director's Report: The motion was made by Patti Penney to accept the report as presented, seconded by Eleanor Cole.

- Patrick Hamilton from the Office of OCPC recently visited the new Rockland Senior Center. He was very pleased and send a complementary letter to Director Peggy confirming that the Nutrition Program is in complete and through compliance with the Guidelines for Title III Nutrition Program. The letter also stated that Rockland Senior Center is an "Example of Uniqueness" in its approach to meeting the nutritional needs of the elderly.
- The center's van driver Liza has left her position and taken a new position at the Rockland Town Hall. Retreat Rights per the union contract expire on June 30, 2015.
- There are 9 applicants for the vacant Van Driver Position for the COA. Stacy Callahan from HR does the interviewing.
- Rita Howes and Agnes Smith are both submitting applications for the vacant "Alternate Positions" on the COA
- There will be a new 5 foot fence erected in the rear of the senior center near the horseshoe pit and the bocce court.
- There will be a Blood Drive at the center on Saturday July 18, 2015 from 9-3.
- A committee has been appointed for a review of the By-Law for the COA. The following members have volunteered: (This process is expected to take several months)

Lorraine Ahern

Peter Stonis

Lu Crowley

John Rogers

Next meeting July 8, 2015 @ 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern

Secretary COA

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